Study regarding death of children in the DeDve/opment world

*56. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the UNICEF have estimated that in the developing world 15 million children die every year of diseases related to unclean water and poor sanitation;

(b) whether in the light of this estimate a study has been made regarding the impact of these factors on the children and expectant mothers;

(d) if so, what are the details of the outcome of such a study; and

(d) if no study has been made in this respect, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (d) According to UNICEF estimate, about 15 million children below the age of 5 die in the developing countries every year on account of various diseases. Estimates as to the children dying due to diseases related to unclean water and poor sanitation alone are not available. The Indian Council of Medical Research conducted a multicentric study in urban slums and rural areas in India. The study indicated higher neonatal and infant mortaity rates in areas where the main sources of water supply are unprotected.

Shipping Corporation of India

*57. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of vessels of the Shipping Corporation of India which are not in use at present and could be declared uneconomical; and

(b) whether Government propose to dispose of such uneconomic vessels?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) and (b) Out of a fleet strength of 147 vessels of Shipping Corporation of India Ltd, all vessels are in use except 7 vessels in respect of which decision to scrap has already been taken by the management of SCI and are awaiting completion of formalities of scrapping. SCI continuously monitiors the performance of its vessels with a view to assess their economic viability taking into account factors such as age, cost of repair, etc.

Appointment of Clerks etc., in the Air India Office, Delhi

*58. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of posts of clerks and junior operators in the Air India office in Delhi lying vacant as on 31st October, 1985, and since when they are lying vacant; and

(b) by when these posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) (a) and (b). On 31.10.85, there were a total of 7 vacancies of clerks in Air India office at Delhi. Of these, 4 vacancies were there for more than a year and the remaining three occurred during the last three to four months. The vacancies could not be filled earlier due to a ban on recruitment. However, action to fill three vacancies which arose after 1st April, 1985 due to retirement/resignation etc. has already been initiated.